

Chairman Julius Genachowski:  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps:  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell:  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker:  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn:

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20544

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

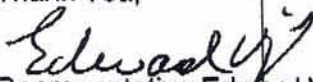
As a member of Colorado House of Representatives, I feel it is important to bring mobile broadband solutions to a significant amount of the district I represent in Southern Colorado. My district boasts a diverse population of many ethnic groups, but is primarily comprised of Latinos. The proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will expand mobile broadband coverage, enabling the expansion of high-tech industry, advancing economic growth and creating job opportunities.

I am a sixth-generation native of the San Luis Valley and along with being the District 62 Representative, I am also a business owner of an environmental laboratory. I know first-hand the barriers that exist in our rural communities that lack access to technological infrastructure. As you may know, Latino-Americans, as an ethnic group, rank highest among users of mobile-broadband, and don't usually have access to wired broadband in their homes or places of business. This expansion in coverage will enhance connectivity and economic development in areas of Colorado that need it most.

Our rural communities are populated with hard-working people that strive towards economic sustainability. The San Luis Valley Latino-Americans and other residents will get to experience the same benefits of greater access and faster connectivity to 4G LTE networks that customers in more populated or higher-income areas already receive. A powerful mobile broadband network will open the doors for our businesses to innovatively create ways for customers to access their products or services with wireless-enabled devices in ways they never have been able to previously.

I respectfully ask for your consideration in approving this merger so our rural and Latino communities have access to the latest technological advances in mobile broadband. It is important to preserve the historical and cultural values of the San Luis Valley, but job growth, economic prosperity, and to be competitively successful in our businesses is essential for the future.

Thank You,

  
Representative Edward Vigil  
Colorado State Representative, District 62